



Memorandum

To: Provosts and Chief Academic Officers

From: Paula K. Compton, Associate Vice Chancellor, Articulation and Transfer

Date: May 20, 2021

Subject: Introduction of New Policy: Industry Recognized Credential Transfer Assurance Guides (ITAGs)

Industry-recognized credentials are playing an increasingly important role in meeting the needs of Ohio's workforce. Many high-skill and high-wage jobs require a credential which creates an additional education option to prepare for many of these entry-level positions.

Ohio has many credentials that can be earned in various ways through educational institutions, businesses, trade associations, and government agencies. Many of these credentials potentially align to postsecondary courses, but their content and value are not always immediately clear. This can lead to inconsistency in how postsecondary credit is awarded to students wishing to build upon their credentials.

In an effort to provide students with the same transfer assurances as other statewide transfer initiatives, work will soon begin on the newly approved Industry-Recognized Credential Transfer Assurance Guides (ITAGs). Building upon our existing framework of TAGs, CTAGs, and MTAGs, a faculty lead and student focused process will be used for the development of ITAGs.

The new ITAG policy is attached. This is a very exciting initiative that will bring together representation from many sources from educational institutions to business and industry. If you have any questions please contact Dr. Paula Compton, Associate Vice Chancellor for Articulation and Transfer at pcompton@highered.ohio.gov or 614.466.3334 or Nikki Wearly, Director of Career-Technical Education Transfer Initiatives at nwearly@highered.ohio.gov or 614.214.5370.

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